



RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Unit on Bipolar Spectrum Disorder (BSD), in Bethesda, MD, seeks qualified individuals to fill Research Assistant positions, with employment starting June 2007. BSD conducts research on the pathophysiology, treatment and prevention of mental illness, which begins in childhood. Our particular research interest involves the investigation of pediatric Bipolar Affective Disorder.

The full-time positions require a bachelor's degree and a U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (resident alien). A minimum commitment of one year is expected; however, a two-year commitment is preferred. Duties and responsibilities include assistance with and participation in all aspects of the research enterprise including: literature review; protocol design; patient and normal volunteer screening and recruitment; protocol implementation; data collection, entry and analysis; and manuscript preparation. This work involves using computer statistical and graphics programs, preparing blood samples and researching scientific literature. In addition, the position involves regular patient contact during outpatient clinic visits. Research assistants can observe diagnostic interviews with patients and become familiar with standard psychometric procedures.

The person selected for this position will work as part of a multidisciplinary research team including physicians, psychologists, clinical social workers, and psychiatric nurses at the nation's largest medical research center, the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Successful applicants will be awarded post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellowships, which provide opportunities for recent college graduates to spend time engaged in biomedical investigation at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. During their tenure in the program, post-baccalaureate fellows are also expected to initiate the application process for graduate or medical school.

Interested individuals should complete the online application found at the following website:

<http://www.training.nih.gov/student/Pre-IRTA/previewpostbac.asp?AppType=Postbac>

Interested individuals should also forward a letter of interest, resume, two letters of reference, and official college transcript to:

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